

RUTGERS - THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bureau of Government Research
and
University Extension Division

On May 10th
Mrs. Hoffman
Mr. Curvin

PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

ON

CIVIL DISORDERS: CAUSES AND REMEDIES

1. The Forum is scheduled for Thursday, May 9.
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2. General sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Labor Education Center on Ryders Lane. Two discussion groups will meet in the side rooms adjacent to the auditorium; two other groups will meet in the small dining rooms at Neilson Dining Hall; the fifth discussion group will meet in the parlor at Wood Lawn.

3. The luncheon will be served, cafeteria-style, in the round dining room at Neilson Dining Hall. Tables will be identified for each discussion group, so that substantive discussion may continue at luncheon.

4. Formal sponsorship of the Forum will be assigned to the Urban Studies Center, the Bureau of Government Research, the University Extension Division, and the Select Legislative Committee on Civil Disorders. Administrative details will be handled by Ray Bodnar of the Government Services Training Program of U. S. D.

5. There will be a meal charge of \$3.00 to cover luncheon costs. All other Forum costs will be covered by Title I funds administered by EGR - UED.

6. Attendance will be by invitation only. The invitation list will use participants in the Forum on the Future of New Jersey as a nucleus, with the addition of responsible professionals in each subject area and of community representatives. Invitations will be extended by the president of the University.

7. Invitees will be asked to select one of five discussion groups in which they wish to participate. Room-hopping will be discouraged. Additional persons may be invited if early indications are that some discussion groups may not have a cross-section of opinion.

8. Each discussion group will have a discussion leader, a resource person, and a reporter. Detailed instructions will be prepared for these persons.

a. Each discussion group will open with about a half-hour discussion of the summary of the public opinion poll conducted for the Select Commission on Negro and White attitudes. Copies of the two-page summary will be reproduced for distribution.

b. Discussion leaders will chair the discussion, guide the group in covering the agenda, and attempt to identify and clarify points of consensus or disagreement.

c. Resource persons will be asked to present to the discussion group a concise proposal for action in their subject area, drawing upon, but not being limited by, the recommendations of the Select Commission and the Governor. The proposal for action should be stated in terms of not more than eight specific actions to be taken by specific agencies or individuals, stated in priority order. This proposal for action will serve as the basic agenda for the discussion, with participants being asked to respond to it, point by point along the lines:

Is this action desirable?

Is it feasible immediately? Could it be made feasible?

Is it in the appropriate order of priority?

Additional action points may be proposed by any participant and discussed as time is available.

d. Reporters will be asked to summarize the discussion by taking up each action proposal on a point-by-point basis, and indicating whether there was 1. a unanimous agreement; 2. a favorable consensus; 3. a negative consensus; 4. a unanimous opposition, or 5. complete disagreement with regard to: a. desirability, b. feasibility, c. priority. Each reporter will have seven minutes within which to make his oral report, and will be asked to file a written report within a week following the Forum.

9. Proceedings will be prepared and published by the BGR - GND reporting in full the morning general session, and including the written reports of the discussion session reporters. Free copies will go to Forum participants; additional copies will be sold to recoup publication costs.